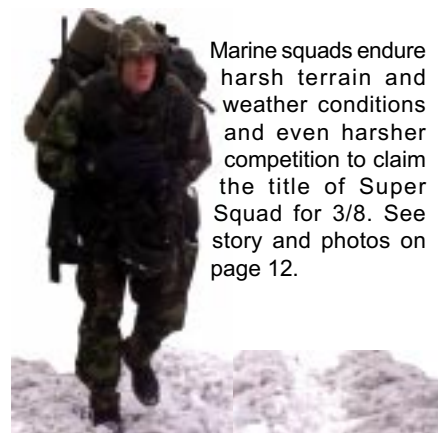


Okinawa MARINE



Marine squads endure harsh terrain and weather conditions and even harsher competition to claim the title of Super Squad for 3/8. See story and photos on page 12.

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Tower residents police their own parking areas

Senior ranking family members living in Camp Kinser's towers are authorized to issue parking citations to the owners of vehicles illegally parked in the tower's parking areas.

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Mess duty for Marines becomes thing of the past

The Marine Corps is hiring hundreds of civilian workers to work at the mess halls in Okinawa, filling the positions usually staffed by service members temporarily assigned to mess duty.

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Artillery units receive a lift from Super Stallions

With its heavy lifting power, the CH-53E Super Stallions from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-361 make light work of moving the artillery gun crews' howitzers to their insertion point on the battlefield.

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Fun center provides place to play inside, out of rain

The Monakid's Jungle Family Fun Center brings children out of the rain or harsh sun to an indoor environment filled with games, physical challenges, wall to wall activities and food.

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CPL CHAD SWAIM

Taking off

Marines from Support and Engineers detachments of 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group, board a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265, Marine Aircraft Group-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, that landed adjacent to Camp Kinser's Navy Federal Credit Union. The Marines practice resupplying techniques by flying to a landing zone in the Central Training Area April 10.

Marines restore cross honoring camp's namesake

SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN — Marines restored a camp landmark and memorial here April 6 to Medal of Honor recipient and camp namesake, Pvt Dale Merlin Hansen, who was killed in combat on Okinawa during World War II.

The Marines raised the white 12-foot tall Hansen Cross on a hill across from the camp's new enlisted club.

"The original cross was dedicated by the Hansen family in the late 60's," said Maj Mark A. Iamczyk, Deputy Camp Commander, Camp Hansen. "And it endured until Typhoon Jelawat damaged it last year."

When base officials realized the cross was beyond repair, they decided to replace the memorial last fall, according to MSgt Ozell Register Jr., who was among 13 Marines from Engineer Platoon, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group who worked on the project to restore the cross.

"The executive officer for III MHG called me in last fall and asked me to have my Marines remove the old cross after the typhoon damaged it," MSgt Register

said. "He also asked us to work creating a new cross into our training. The platoon saw it as a great privilege to complete this new cross."

When the damaged cross came down and the hilltop was left empty, many missed the landmark, according to Navy IT Judy T. Malana, Chaplain, III MHG.

"The cross was the symbol the Hansen family chose to recognize the sacrifice their son made and it instills pride in the Marines on Camp Hansen," IT Malana said. "It is a reminder of the sacrifices we make as members of the military."

As the Marines raised the cross, Marines passing by applauded. The engineers knew they were taking part in something important to Camp Hansen, according to LCpl Michael W. Bradshaw, Heavy Equipment Operator, Engineer Platoon, III MHG.

"I've enjoyed working on restoring the Hansen Cross," LCpl Bradshaw said. "And I'm proud to help recognize this Medal of Honor recipient. This is something I'll always remember."

Pvt Hansen, a Wisner, Neb., native, was awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while



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The Marines of Engineer Platoon, III MHG, rebuilt and raised the Hansen Cross, a landmark dedicated by the family of Pvt Dale Merlin Hansen in the late 1960s.

serving with Company E, 2d Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces on Okinawa May 7, 1945.

The official rededication of the cross will take place during the Camp Hansen Chapel's Easter sunrise services Sunday.

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LCpl Stanley S. Parker II, Military Policeman, PMO, Camp Kinser, uses a mirror to inspect underneath a vehicle for explosives and contraband April 4 during FPX 2001.

Military police tighten security during exercise

CPL CHAD SWAIM
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP KINSER—The heavy gate traffic, identification checks and vehicle searches left many residents here wondering what was going on April 3-5.

It was the military police doing their duty as part of the annual Force Protection Exercise.

"It's an exercise to test the camp's and Military Police's ability to provide regular law enforcement and force protection of the residents and the workforce of the base," said 1stLt Jonathan R. Pelton, Provost Marshal's Office, Camp Kinser.

However, the military policemen did not handle the exercise alone. Reinforcements from 12th Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division, provided a Security Augmentation Force that boosted the 23-strong military police force to a total of 93 Marines providing security in and around the base.

With that many Marines providing security here, it gave PMO and SAF Marines a chance to work a little differently from their counterparts at other bases.

According to 1stLt Pelton, the Marines guarding Camp Kinser are unique because they are not only running PMO, but they also have tactical control of the SAF. This allowed PMO Marines to perform more law enforcement training by effectively employing the SAF and enabling them to respond to more events at the same time.

However, one of the benefits of this exercise was the training the Marines received while standing guard on one of the three open gates here.

"We get our Marines out on the gate and they actually get more proactive than they do during the week with regular working hours," 1stLt Pelton said. "They do ID checks and vehicle inspections and that actually hones their skills in dealing with the public."

The Marines standing duty on the gates here also used the exercise as a learning opportunity.

"This exercise has given me more preparation for duty back in the States," said LCpl Stanley S. Parker II, Military Policeman, PMO, Camp Kinser. "It gives me a chance to learn more about security measures against terrorism."

But the individual Marines are not the only ones who benefited from this exercise.

According to 1stLt Pelton, it helps identify a camp's shortcomings, logistical needs, training needs and manpower requirements.

Even though the long lines, identification checks and vehicle searches were an inconvenience to some, it was necessary to conduct this training. With this training, the Marines guarding the base, in the event of an actual situation, will have the practical knowledge to keep the residents here safe, according to GySgt Angel L. Aguayo, Senior Noncommissioned Officer, PMO, Camp Kinser.

Force Protection Exercise prepares Marines

LCPL KENNETH L. HINSON
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Marine units on Okinawa completed their annual Force Protection Exercise April 5.

The exercise increases security and provides training to prevent terrorist attacks and respond to natural disasters or serious large-scale accidents. It also allows Marine Corps leaders to observe and evaluate those who plan for and respond to emergency situations.

Among the units who participated were emergency medical response units, security patrols, fire department teams and reactionary forces.

"Being in a state of readiness is important if we plan to protect U.S. assets and our country," said Roger D. Leslie, Force Protection Antiterrorist Officer, Marine Corps Base. "This will help us refresh and maintain our skills, which will leave us in a better state of readiness."

Units were notified about the exercise and prepared themselves by holding staff briefings, continual training and safety classes. Unlike a real-world situation, the exercise gave units some time to evaluate and prepare for the exercise and also insure that they had the right equipment on hand.

Exercise participants made efforts to get the most out of training without disrupting daily operations, according to Leslie. Planning conferences were held before and during the exercise to discuss objectives that each unit had to meet. Briefings were held in the morning and at the end of each day to

inform units of the role-playing situations and which response plan needed to be used.

A representative from each unit stayed on hand around the clock to report any emergencies or mishaps that occurred.

Several scenarios were given and acted upon throughout the exercise to test unit readiness. These included bomb threats, chemical and biological incidents, casualties and hostage situations. Some of these occurred at the same time, which meant communication was important.

"Communication was a main issue we stressed to Marines before the exercise," said Navy CDR Susan L. Martin-Sanders, Disaster Control Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa. "We certainly were successful this year because of the increased communication which the Marines used for the situations they were put in."

Most Marines, family members and civilian employees were affected by the exercise due to changing threat conditions.

Heightened security at gates and detailed identification checks were among the top security measures which Marines used for protection. Everytime the threat condition increased, security measures at the gates on all bases increased, which caused a temporary delay in traffic. This ensured no one was allowed on base who wasn't supposed to be there.

"If we didn't prepare for events such as these, then we would be in trouble in the case of an actual event," said Cpl Bernard L. Wade, Motor Transportation Operator, Marine Wing Support Squadron-172, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. "This is good train-



Cpl Bernard L. Wade, Motor Transportation Operator, MWSS-172, 1st MAW, checks a civilian's identification. This was one of the security measures during the Force Protection Exercise April 3-5.

ing and the Marines have put forth a lot of effort to get the most out of it."

All the Marine Corps installations on Okinawa and the U.S. Naval Hospital were involved in the exercise. This gave the Marines the opportunity to increase their skills and working ability in a joint-service environment.

"Overall this year's event was a success," Leslie said. "Each unit was able to evaluate and meet their mission."

Units will use this exercise to see which areas they need to improve and make the necessary changes. This means designing a better plan of attack and staying mission-ready for any dangerous situation that may occur.

Tower residents get parking relief

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 COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP KINSER — Residents at the tower housing complexes here now have another set of eyes watching out for illegally-parked cars.

The senior ranking military resident at each building is now empowered to issue citations for parking violators in lots around their buildings.

"This originated due to the ongoing frustration that the residents were feeling with the parking limitations," said Maj Mark Szarmach, Deputy Camp Commander, Camp Kinser. "The stalls are numbered so that residents know which stall is theirs."

One of the factors causing parking problems is that towers only have an average of 1.5 parking stalls per unit. Most Marines and Sailors living in the towers have two-car families, according to Maj Szarmach.

Camp Services here has tried to reorganize the parking lots to increase the number of stalls available to residents without infringing on safety standards such as fire lanes, clearance around fire hydrants and stop signs.

"We have gotten to a point where we believe there's not another place we can put another parking stall," Maj Szarmach said.

Besides parking in someone else's assigned stall, residents are also parking in fire lanes and leaving their vehicle in the loading and unloading zones.

"I haven't had any problems with other tenants taking my space, but some people park in the loading and unloading zone for extended periods of time," said Sgt Eric C. Royal, a tower resident here.

In the past, residents could call the Military Police or submit a Traffic Violation Report.

"There's only so many MP's on duty at any given time responding to different kinds of situations, trying to operate radar for speed enforcement, and responding to medical assistance," Maj Szarmach said.



CPL CHAD SWAIM

The parking lots around the Camp Kinser Tower community often fill up quickly at the end of the day. Each occupant is assigned one parking space with overflow parking in the rear of the parking lot and across the street.

Anyone can write a TVR, but when one is written, the person writing the report has to appear at traffic court to testify or it gets thrown away.

"You've been victimized by this individual's act, and now you have to take time out of your day to come to traffic court to support that TVR," Maj Szarmach said. "So we decided to empower the tower seniors and tower alternates to write parking citations within the tower parking areas."

The citations will be issued based on the complaints of the residents of each respective building to their tower seniors.

"I don't know how many instances are going to occur where somebody needs to knock on my hatch," said MSgt Terry Britt, a Tower Senior. "I think we are going to have to wait and see how it is going to work once we start writing tickets."

Commissary shoppers save 29 percent

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FORT LEE, Va. — Shopping at the commissary can save more than 29 percent on your grocery bill. That's the good news according to the most comprehensive market basket price comparison study ever done by the Defense Commissary Agency.

"This survey revealed an overall savings of 29.2 percent, which is in line with our agency's corporate objective to increase savings to 30 percent over commercial grocery stores and super centers by fiscal year 2002. In fact, we expect to meet that goal by the end of this year," said DeCA Director, Air Force MajGen Robert J. Courter.

Bottom line for customers: the amount of savings verified by the survey means an annual savings of over \$2,300 for a family of four that regularly shops in their commissary.

The market basket survey compares the prices of items sold in commissaries with prices of the same items sold in private sector supermarkets. The savings figure includes sales tax for commercial stores, and surcharge for commissaries.

This year's survey is unlike any previous DeCA price survey because it includes comparison data from overseas stores and it used a comprehensive database of actual prices from U.S. commercial grocery stores in addition to random price sampling of meat and produce items, said Scott Simpson, Operations Director, DeCA. Prices from super centers discount stores that also sell groceries were also included in the study for the first time.

"This is the most comprehensive market basket survey we've ever had," Simpson said. "It's good news for our customers, and it's an important mea-

suring stick to see how well we're doing in providing the commissary benefit."

Past studies compared prices on only about 600 items from a sampling of commissaries with prices of the same items found in nearby civilian grocery stores, and didn't include super centers. This year, thanks to the database price information, the study compared prices of virtually every Universal Product Coded (UPC) item sold in all commissaries in the 48 contiguous states. Prices of items in Alaska, Hawaii, the Far East and Europe were compared using random sampling techniques because the database didn't have prices for those areas. Likewise, meat and produce items in all stores were also compared using random sampling techniques because their prices aren't available in the database.

DeCA has enjoyed great customer savings since its inception in 1991. A 1991 market basket study was performed to assess the effect the consolidation of the military services commissary systems into DeCA would have on customer savings. That survey, which used data collected before the consolidation, found patron savings were 23.2 percent. By 1999, the last survey found savings at 27 percent.

Simpson said agency officials are confident they can reach the 30 percent savings goal because DeCA's buyers now have access to commercial sector sales and pricing data - the same type of information the market basket survey used. The data gives DeCA's buyers the negotiation tool they need to drive down prices. In addition, the agency's merchandising approach is targeting merchandise selections to meet the needs of the various groups that shop each store. The agency's marketing initiatives give price-conscious customers access to the best possible savings.

Local commissary up for the best overseas

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 COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP KINSER — The commissary here was nominated for the best commissary overseas by the Defense Commissary Agency, after being named the best in the Pacific.

The commissary competed against commissaries located in Iceland and Italy to be named runner-up in the award for small commissary overseas.

"We felt confident that we had a good chance to win this year's award because we had done our best to keep customers satisfied," said Theodore H. Awana, Store Director, Camp Kinser Commissary.

The commissary here was nominated for the overseas award because of its many accomplishments. It also won for best in the management, grocery, produce and best merchandising categories.

During this year's survey, commissary customers filled out 150 surveys and gave the commissary a high rating.

"We received a score of a 97 with a best possible score of 100," Awana said. "We have been improving our score by a point or two since 1994."

A big factor for being nominated is the loss and gain percentage for its inventory.

"We have to keep our losses within .05 percent just to be eligible for a nomination," Awana said.

"Most of our losses are from throwing out bad food when we have something like a typhoon, but those losses are redeemable and they do not count against your loss percentage," said Ronald Bollig, Store Manager, Camp Kinser Commissary.

The improvements have not only affected the commissary's survey scores, but they bring positive responses from the commissary's shoppers.

"I think that this commissary has earned their nomination for this award," said Sandy Wilde, military family member. "I always find everything I need, and that's why it's the only one (commissary) I shop at."

The commissary received its final inspection for the overseas award March 22.

"The store as an entirety did very well," Bollig said.

"We received 100 percent in the meat, deli and bakery departments," said Kristie L. Kyes, Meat Manager, Camp Kinser Commissary.

During the inspection, the commissary was reaching for a perfect score of 6,090 points, but just like a military inspection, the inspection team found discrepancies, according to Bollig.

"We didn't get hit for anything major, just minor things like to fix the right-of-way or a little problem with our computers," Bollig said. "One thing we did impress the inspection team on is we did not have any pricing errors throughout the whole store of 7,500 plus products."

The commissary here also had other things that impressed the inspection team, according to Kyes.

"While the team was here, we took them out to the farmer's market which they were impressed by," Kyes said. "We showed them we can run a store, do a market and tours at the same time."

The commissary also showed the team all the other things they do for their customers.

"We had a portfolio ready for the inspection team to look at while they were here which I put together during a three day typhoon," Kyes said. "It showed the seasonal displays we do that the customers really enjoy, the contest we do for the children and all they other little things we do that no other commissary does."

"It's all the little things we do that no one else thinks about that allows us to compete with the best," Kyes said.

Mess duty to end in Japan

Marine Corps mess halls to hire civilian workers to fill positions

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Marine Corps mess halls throughout Japan are catching up with those in the U.S. by hiring civilians.

Mess halls in the U.S. are staffed almost entirely by civilians, and by April 2002 mess halls in Japan will be also. The Marine Corps is hiring 295 civilians to replace 425 positions previously staffed by Marines who must leave their regular duties to serve the 30 days of temporary duty at mess halls.

Hiring civilians will eliminate the need for units to send Marines to mess duty. It will also improve productivity and morale by allowing Marines to do what they joined the Marine Corps for instead of being assigned to work at the mess hall.

"I see it as a benefit to the Marine Corps bases in Japan by allowing Marines to get back to what they do best and that is being Marines," said GySgt Anita R. Thomas, Mess Hall Manager, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base. "Marines belong with their units and not in the mess hall."

Marines formally trained as food service specialists will maintain their duties at mess halls. The only Marines who are being replaced by the civilians are those who serve on temporary mess duty.

We will not have to lose Marines to mess duty once the civilians are hired. The tempo of our mission will speed up, said SSgt Raul E. Huerta, Logistics Chief, 3d Transportation Support Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group.

The civilians to be hired will already be trained in food service with some of them having more than 15 years experience. On Okinawa, 231 civilians will be hired. Mess halls at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni and Camp Fuji, on mainland Japan, will hire 64.

The civilian hire will have positive effects.

"We should see an overall increase in unit morale and readiness," said LtCol Charles E. Girard, Food Service Officer, MCB. "Whatever their job is they will have more time to train and perform their duty."

It's good that Marines will not have to wake up early and work the long hours, said LCpl Judith A.



LCPL KENNETH L. HINSON
Naoki Matayoshi, Cook and Food Preparer, prepares breakfast for mess hall patrons March 28. He will soon be joined by other civilian workers as part of the Marine Corps plans to eliminate Marines from serving mess hall duty.

Yungaicela, Administrative Clerk, G-1, H&S Bn, MCB. She said Marines will be happy about not having to work mess hall duty.

This will also eliminate training Marines month after month. By hiring civilians, the mess hall will have a permanent, trained staff who will know what to do and can work together to produce faster, quality service.

It's good to have consistent employees working together who are trained at what they do, LtCol Girard said. Eventually the new staff will help Marines receive their chow in a faster more orderly manner.

Hiring began in December and will continue until all positions are filled.

LtCol Girard said the key issue is the quality of life and welfare of the Marines.

SAFETY ZONE

Marine's Responsibility to ensure safety at work

A large percentage of the injuries that occur are caused directly by the person who was injured. Less than 10 percent of the injuries are caused by defective equipment or other factors. These facts indicate that each Marine must be primarily responsible for their own safety.

Marine leaders are responsible for safety. Without proper interest on their part, a safety program cannot be totally effective. However, the individual Marine must realize that they are responsible for their own safety and an aid in the safety of fellow Marines.

A simple construction ladder can be built to the best-known safety specifications. It can be properly stored and frequently inspected for defects. If the ladder is not properly placed, if the footing is insecure, or the ladder has not been properly tied-off, it is likely that a Marine will be injured. So, the Marine who is using the ladder must realize that he/she, personally, is the most

important factor in preventing accidents.

Quite often, there is a feeling on the part of Marines that the safety staff is responsible for preventing accidents. Though safety personnel make frequent inspections and counsel Marines, they cannot be in all areas at all times.

As we approach the summer exercise season, let's bear in mind that we, as Marines, must constantly be alert to the hazards around us. If we personally cannot remove them, we need to bring them to the attention of the appropriate personnel and that starts with our superiors.

Remember, it takes the complete cooperation of each individual involved to make a job safe. Your help in preventing a serious injury on the job is needed.

Let's demonstrate that Marines are true to their word and show that "Marines truly take care of their own."

Family Advocacy fights for safety of children

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CAMP FOSTER — Prevention officials in Okinawa, and the programs they sponsor, are key elements to keeping kids safe from abuse. For them, the battle against child abuse never ends.

"The effects of child abuse are far reaching and weaken the very core of our communities," said Larry E. Miller, Supervisory Social Worker, Family Advocacy Office.

There are several types of abuse and not all are easy to recognize.

Physical abuse is injuries inflicted upon a child. Indicators include unexplained, abnormal or dental injuries, fear of adults, fear of going home, behavioral extremes or developmental delays.

Sexual abuse includes sexual acts or situations which provide the abuser sexual gratification, said Divonna Laland, Prevention Specialist, Counseling and Advocacy Office. Indicators of sexual abuse include difficulty to walk or sit, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, recurring urinary tract infections, bizarre behavior, sexual abuse of others or low self-esteem.

Emotional abuse causes low self-esteem, undue fear, anxiety or damage to the child's emotional well being, according to Stacey Grabman, a Family Advocacy Counselor. Indicators of emotional abuse include a failure to thrive, habit or conduct disorders, behavioral extremes, attempted suicide or lags in physical development.

Neglect is failure to provide nourishment, clothing, shelter, health care, education or supervision when having the duty to do so, said Tia Saintilus, Prevention Specialist of the Counseling and Advocacy Office. Indicators of neglect include constant hunger, lack of supervision, abandonment, poor hygiene, inappropriate dress, begging or stealing food or clothes, extended stays in school or constant fatigue.

The children are the victims, but there is very little they can do aside from talking about it to friends or trusted adults. That is why adults are the most important factor in preventing child abuse.

"The parents are the first line of defense, they are the primary care takers and spend the most time with the children," Miller said. "They should always look for the indicators of abuse and report it as soon as possible."

But parents aren't the only line of defense for prevention of child abuse.

Everyone is responsible for preventing child abuse. Just one person can make a difference and save a life.

"One person can save a life by reporting any kind of abuse witnessed," Miller said. "The abusers reported will receive the assistance needed to help them be better parents."

Abuse is a learned behavior, but it can be unlearned with classes from the Family Advocacy Office.

In addition to counseling classes, the advocacy office also offers Mom's Basic Training and Daddy's Baby Boot Camp, which includes techniques on delivery, care of a newborn, growth and development and care of the new parents. They also offer 1,2,3 and 4 Parents, which is designed to teach parents what their 1,2,3 or 4-year old should be capable of and how they should behave. They also offer a play morning, which includes free play, stories, music and finger plays for the children, and question and answer session for the adults.

If abuse is occurring right now, it should immediately be reported to the Provost Marshal's Office at 645-7441 or the 24-hour crisis line at 634-HELP(4357). If the indicators are suspected, the Family Advocacy Office can be reached during working hours Monday through Friday at 645-2915.



NJP REPORT

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for April 1-7.

• Underage drinking

A private with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$500 per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.

A corporal with 3d Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$644 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

A lance corporal with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$272 per month for one month and restriction for 7 days.

A private first class with 7th Comm Bn, III MEF, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$272 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

A lance corporal with Battalion Landing Team 1/5, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$283 per month for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

A seaman with BIT 1/5, 31st MEU, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$200 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

A lance corporal with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2 and forfeiture of \$500 per month for two months.

• Drunk and disorderly

A lance corporal with H&S Bn, MCB, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of being drunk and disorderly. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.

A private first class with H&S Bn, MCB, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of being drunk and disorderly. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$500 per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.

• Underage drinking, drunk and disorderly conduct

A corporal with 3d MRB, 3d FSSG, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking and being drunk and disorderly. Punishment: forfeiture of \$644 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

• Driving Under the Influence

A corporal with 7th Comm Bn, III MEF, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of driving under the influence. Punishment: reduction to E-3 and restriction for 60 days.

• Possessing hard liquor in the barracks

A private first class with 7th Comm Bn, III MEF, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of possessing hard liquor in the barracks. Punishment: forfeiture of \$584 per month for two months and restriction and extra duty for 45 days.

• Allowing liberty buddy to drink underage

A corporal with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS Futenma, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of allowing his liberty buddy to drink underage. Punishment: forfeiture of \$500 per month for two months.



LCPL KEITH R. MEIKLE

Cleaning up

Tomoka Ikema (orange), Environmental Engineer, Environmental Office, Torri Station, and LCpl Bryan Beers (blue), Air Framer, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-262, Marine Aircraft Group-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, conduct spill drill training as part of the Hazardous Material Response Course on Camp Foster Wednesday.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Joint Women's Forum

The Okinawa Joint Women's Forum returns May 12. This extraordinary day of fun and learning is designed to enrich, empower and enlighten women in their roles as mothers, professionals and community members.

The forum is a series of workshops held throughout the day at Kadena High School. Participants may choose to learn about Japanese business etiquette, self-defense or important women's health issues. There will be more than 80 topics to choose from and workshop speakers include professionals from all walks of life who will teach everything from investing in the stock market to snorkeling on Okinawa.

Registration forms will be available at the Spouse's Gift Shops and published in upcoming editions of the Kadena Shogun, the Okinawa Marine and Stars and Stripes newspapers.

In the registration forms is a complete list of workshops being offered and participants can request specific workshops.

Cost for the forum is \$10 for E-4 and below, and \$15 for all other ranks. The price includes lunch.

For more information, call Juliet Bucayu-Domingo at 932-6166.

Electronic Toll Collection

Motorists traveling along the Okinawan Expressway must pay the toll when leaving the expressway.

Sometimes finding the right pathway can be confusing. When exiting the expressway motorists should be looking for the gate marked Electronic Toll Collection System (ETC) with the green light next to it, which are for ETC and non-ETC vehicles and have toll attendants waiting in the booth.

Gates marked ETC without the green light do not have a toll attendant waiting in the booth and are for ETC vehicles only. Motorist paying for the toll with cash might find themselves waiting in an empty gate, if they realize their mistake to late.

When motorists enter into the lane for ETC vehicles only by mistake, they should push the inter-

com button and call the toll house attendant for assistance.

To reduce hazard and avoid timely mistakes all military members traveling on the expressway should be watchful for the green light as they approach the toll gate.

Special Olympics 2001

The 2001 Special Olympics will return to Okinawa and Kadena Air Base June 16.

A meeting is scheduled for April 18 at Kadena Air Base's Schilling Community Center Ballroom from 12:30 to 2 p.m. for translators to sign up for this years Special Olympics. Anyone with Japanese or sign language skills is encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Art Arao at 634-2961.

Air Force Club scholarships

For the fifth consecutive year, Air Force Club Membership is helping members and their families with the costs of higher education. The Kadena Officer's, Rocker NCO and Banyan Tree Clubs are participating in the Annual Club Membership Scholarship Program.

Current club members are eligible to apply. Three scholarships will be awarded for the 2001-2002 school year. First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$3,000 and third prize is \$2,000.

Applicants must fill out an entry form from the Air Force Services' website at www-p.afsv.af.mil. Entries must be submitted by July 1.

Final scholarship awards will be announced by Oct. 1 and all bases and nominees will be advised of scholarship selection/non-selections.

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Operation Scramble: *The Hunt for the elusive Easter Egg*

6 a.m. I instruct my wife to call reveille. She looks at me with contempt and makes her way to the children's bedroom to wake up my two boys. I quickly shower and get dressed.

At 6:15 a.m. it's time for inspection. My children are wide awake, and the wife, still with contempt, prepares morning chow.

Now is the time for the morning pep talk and the prelude to the final period of instruction for the day's anticipated event.

"We have a mission," I tell my family. "It won't be easy, and you may not make it back." Both of my children look at me as though I've seen one too many combat movies. My wife shakes her head and heads upstairs to get dressed.

Ten minutes later my kids finish with chow and march upstairs in single file formation to prepare for the inevitable.

"Fall in!" Both of my children run around me looking for instructions on what exactly I meant by the command. "I am going to correct you on the proper position of attention," I say in a firm voice to my kids and move them into a two-child formation in front of me.

It is time for inspection. Both of my children came downstairs without the necessary gear. I shake my head in disbelief. My wife sits on the couch and refuses to play along as the first squad leader, neglecting the salute portion of reporting "all present."

I give my kids 10 seconds to retrieve their baskets, as I count down from five. Seven seconds later, both stand tall sporting their Easter egg baskets.

"The mission is Easter egg hunting," I say as I pace back in forth in front of them. "We must succeed in this mission, for failure will not be accepted."

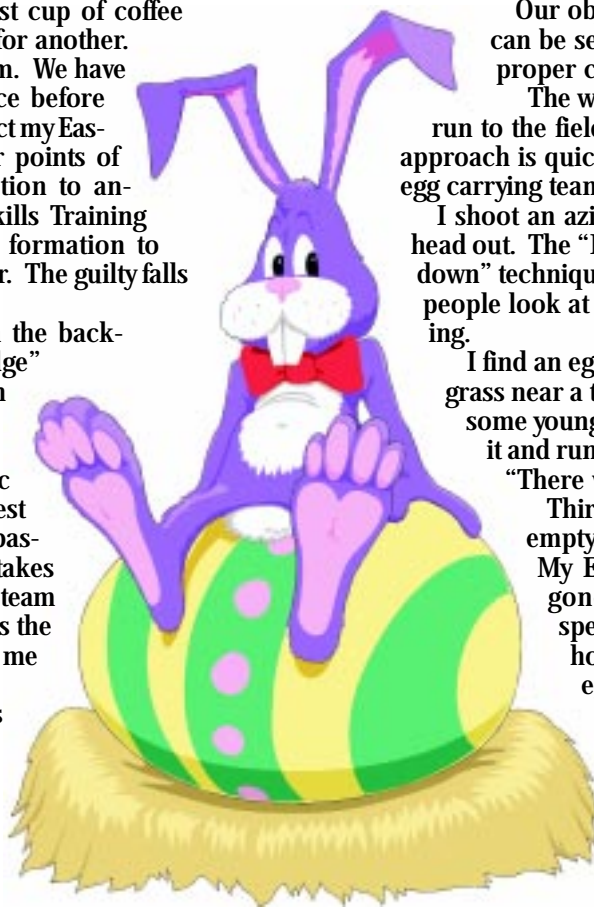
My wife downs her first cup of coffee and walks to the kitchen for another.

By now the time is 7 a.m. We have a couple hours to practice before the "big" event. As I instruct my Easter egg team on the finer points of moving from one formation to another, using my Battle Skills Training manual, my wife breaks formation to check my youngest' diaper. The guilty falls out for a quick changing.

It's time to practice in the backyard. We start in a "wedge" formation with myself in the lead as the point man. My oldest son takes the position as the "automatic basket carrier," my youngest the "assistant automatic basket carrier," and my wife takes the position as the "basket team leader." She neither wants the title nor position. She tells me she's embarrassed.

We make a few attempts at echelon left and right, but toys in the backyard distract my children. My wife doesn't want to play along, so the movement process is abandoned for the "get on line" approach.

It's 9 a.m. and time for the big event. As anticipated, hoards of unprepared and undisciplined families jockey for position at the front and wait for the whistle to kick off the bloody war.



Our objective – Easter eggs! Some can be seen. Did no one give them a proper class on camouflage?

The whistle blows, and the masses run to the field in disarray. The "on line" approach is quickly abandoned as my Easter egg carrying team breaks in three directions.

I shoot an azimuth with my compass and head out. The "I'm up — he sees me — I'm down" technique works well; although many people look at me wondering what I'm doing.

I find an egg, lying conspicuously in the grass near a tree, but before I can grab it, some youngster, quick as a snake, grabs it and runs off — just a minor setback.

"There will be more," I say.

Thirty minutes later, the field is empty. All the children have left. My Easter egg carrying team is gone. I am empty handed. I spend another hour looking in hopes of finding one elusive egg.

Like a dog with his tail between his legs, I make my way home. Incredibly, my family has all of their baskets full with eggs and prizes.

"Don't feel bad honey. You can have one of mine,"

my wife says. "There will be more next year."

"Yeah, next year," I say and bite into an undercooked Easter egg.

- *GySgt John Olmstead, Public Affairs Chief, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni*

What Would You Do?

The following examination of leadership issues is not intended to present right or wrong answers. The goal is to provide a forum to encourage leadership discussions of challenging issues. Chaplain responses are designed to provide moral and ethical guidance. Questions, comments or ideas for a future scenario may be submitted to: editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil

Showing concern

You're a Private first class with a motor transport unit. You've noticed that your buddy LCpl Smukatelly has been locking himself in his barracks room lately. He doesn't seem to eat when you drag him to the chow hall. At work, he gets frustrated easily where he was once easy going.

"Hey, Smukatelly, what's going on?" you ask after LCpl Smukatelly throws a wrench on the deck.

"Nothing," he mumbles as he walks over to pick up the wrench.

One day, you and LCpl Smukatelly are supposed to meet up with some friends out in town for dinner. You go to his door and hear music blaring from behind the door. You pound on the door and you realize that his music is on too loud for him to hear you. You wait a few more minutes and the music stops.

LCpl Smukatelly opens the door and you see that his room is a mess. He looks disheveled and his eyes are red. What do you do?

What the Marines said

Lance corporal with 1st MAW: "I'd call the chaplain because I think he's going crazy."

Private first class with MCB: "Drag him out with us. It sounds like he needs to go out and have a good time."

Lance Corporal with 3d FSSG: "Tell my section SNCOIC that he might be suicidal."

What the Chaplain said

Depression, sadness, frustration because of family or personal problems...none of us are immune from these kinds of feelings in our lives. Often they are passing, but at times they linger. When emotions such as these linger in our lives, a warning light should go on. Having family and friends around becomes important. The two lance corporals are showing some good insight. LCpl Smukatelly is probably not really "crazy" and hopefully not "suicidal." Other problems might enter into this situation: alcohol abuse, drugs, or a simple medical problem. There has been a noticeable change for the worse and something needs to be done.

If I felt comfortable with tackling the issue, I would first tell LCpl Smukatelly that I noticed a big change in him and was wondering if there was something going on that I might be able to help with. If I didn't feel comfortable with such a discussion myself, I would draw a few others into the picture. Passing on my concern to the SNCOIC about Smukatelly's change in mood, or approaching a Chaplain about my concern are both good places to start. The goal is to help a fellow Marine. Good Marines know that and do that.

- *Navy Capt Thomas Dansak, Chaplain, 1st MAW*



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Artillery unit
Rises above
to make its mark below



Having successfully attached an M198 Howitzer to the underside of a CH-53E helicopter, Marines from 3d TSB duck and run as the aircraft prepares to lift the 16,000 pound weapon system into the sky. Recent air-supported artillery raid training benefitted Marines from 3d TSB, and Battery I, 3/12.

CPL KIMBERLY

Artillery battery joins helicopter crew for helo lift training

CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CENTRAL TRAINING AREA — Artillery gun crews with Battery I, 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment joined a CH-53E helicopter crew from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-361 and Marines from 3d Transportation Support Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group to practice air-supported artillery raids here March 15.

The training helped each unit learn its role and practice the skills essential to air insertion and extraction of artillery units and weapons systems.

Air-supported artillery raids are used to rapidly deploy an artillery unit within range of an enemy target when ground insertion isn't feasible.

"This training provides practical application for all the Marines," said 1stSgt Devell Durham, Headquarters Battery First Sergeant, 3/12. "The TSB Marines learn how to hook the howitzer up to the harness. The pilots benefit by practicing

"The opportunity to coordinate with the other elements of these training missions is essential to our success in real combat situations."

- 1stSgt Devell Durham

how to safely transport the guns."

The gun crews and other members of the battery have the opportunity to practice perimeter security, loading and unloading the helicopter and artillery raid missions, according to 1stSgt Durham.

As the Marines moved into position at Landing Zone Dodo here, Marines from support elements within the battery donned camouflage paint and provided perimeter security while the gun crew prepared its weapon for trans-

port and waited for their ride.

A CH-53E helicopter landed and the Helicopter Support Team unloaded and set to work on the harnesses used to attach the howitzer to the underside of the aircraft.

With the gun crew safely loaded in its belly, the helicopter moved into a hover position near the howitzer. The HST checked linkage and re-checked hooks, while attaching the 16,000-pound weapon system to chains and cables hanging from the helicopter. Within minutes, the he-



CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

Wearing a bright orange safety vest, a member of the air crew stands ready to direct the pilots of the CH-53E helicopter.

licopter lifted off with a howitzer and simulated ammunition belly bag dangling beneath it.

"We try to do this training at some time during each battery's deployment to Okinawa," 1stSgt Durham said. "The opportunity to coordinate with the other elements of these training missions is essential to our success in real combat situations."

Battery I continues its training on Okinawa in preparation for upcoming live-fire exercises and training deployments.

Super Stallions make artillery raids possible

LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CENTRAL TRAINING AREA — When Marines need to move an M198 155mm Medium Howitzer within range of the enemy, the quickest way to get it there is to fly it in with a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter.

The CH-53E, with its heavy lifting capabilities, is the only helicopter in the Marine Corps capable of moving a howitzer to the battlefield.

Since the primary mission of a CH-53E is the transportation of heavy equipment and supplies during the ship-to-shore movement of an amphibious assault and during subsequent operations ashore, using the helicopter to move a howitzer is ideal.

The ability to lift such large amount of cargo comes from the helicopters three engines. Another aspect is the dual point cargo hook system, which latches onto the 15,758-pound howitzer.

"It (howitzer) is one of the more difficult lifts because of the weight and safety precautions," said Capt Dave Montesano, Copilot, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-361, Marine Air Group-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. "It isn't like

just picking up a water bull and moving it."

The Marines must use caution during howitzer lifts. When a CH-53E comes in to pick up a howitzer, it hovers beside it instead of over the weapon. After the Helicopter Support Team hooks the gun on to the cargo cables, the helicopter moves over the gun and takes off slowly.

"We have to be cautious about not hitting the barrel of the howitzer when we move above it," said Capt Bruce L. Bridgewater, Pilot and Assistant Operations Officer, HMMH-361. Once the weapon is hooked up and ready for lift, the mission is not over for the CH-53E's crew.

"The most dangerous part is clearing 70 to 100 feet and getting our forward momentum," Capt Montesano said. "It takes a lot more power to sustain lift from that far off the ground, and if we don't have enough power, it will cause the aircraft to go down."

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- Capt Dave Montesano

Along with the howitzer, ammunition is also connected and shipped by the helicopter. The ammunition dangles 55 feet from the bottom of the aircraft. With the ammunition, howitzer, and crew inside the aircraft, there is a combined weight of 18,000 pounds.

"We are extra cautious to do this type of training over non-populated areas," Capt Montesano added.

After successfully making it to the next landing zone, the pilots then concentrate their efforts to setting the howitzer gently down on the ground, right side up, exactly where the artillerymen need it.

"The ideal target is laying the howitzer down within four degrees where the ground unit will engage their target," Capt Montesano said. "We did our last one within 2.5 degrees."

"We also are careful about not setting it down with too much forward force that will cause the howitzer to tip forward so that the barrel is in the dirt. And we also make sure we do not flip it upside down," Capt Montesano said.

With the capabilities and features of both the howitzer and the CH-53E, the Marines are able to deliver the artillery weapon about anywhere they need it.



CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

Marines from 3d TSB arrange the harness system on a belly-bag during recent air-supported artillery raid training. In combat, the belly-bag carries the ammunition used by the M198 Howitzer cannon. The hovering CH-53E carries the waiting gun crew for the cannon. After hooking-up, the helicopter carries the crew and the weapon system to the gun point.



CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

Pfc Augustine Munoz, Radio Operator, Communications Section, Battery I, 3/12 provides perimeter security during recent air-supported artillery raid training in the Central Training Area. The training involves multilayer coordination that benefits Marines from the air wing, artillery battery and support battalions.



The snowy terrain made passage for the Marines from 3/8, 3d MarDiv almost impossible. During the competition, the weather seemed to change at the most inopportune times. The 72-hour Super Squad competition tested the Marines' strength, endurance, knowledge and esprit de corps.

Super Squad title

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL MATTHEW E. HABIB
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FUJI, Japan — Marines from 3d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment raced against each other and the clock here recently to claim the title of Super Squad.

The Marines endured frigid weather and overcame grueling obstacles while testing their strength, endurance, knowledge, and most of all, spirit.

"It's a good experience and you don't realize how good the training is until you actually go through it," said Sgt Joshua P. Stevens, Squad Leader, Co L. "It also gives the Marines a chance to put their 'feet into the fire,' as far as them knowing what they should as an infantryman."

Simulated nuclear, biological and chemical warfare events, live-fire scenarios, physical fitness tests, call-for-fire and patrolling exercises challenged the Marines during the 72-hour competition. To complete each event in the allotted time, the Marines worked through nights, receiving only occasional breaks and little sleep as they competed.

Company K's squad emerged from the competition as 3/8's Super Squad and will advance onto the next level of competition within 3d Marine Division.

Even though Co K is the only squad to advance, all the Marines who participated earned each other's respect.

"Every time I walk through the squad bay and see a Marine that went through the competition with me,

I know what he went through and have a higher respect for him," Sgt Stevens said. "The Marines came together to become one, while knowing each other's strengths and weaknesses and had a lot to show when they returned back to their units after enduring the hardships of the Super Squad competition."

The events were designed to push the Marines to their limits and weather conditions at Mt. Fuji fully cooperated.

"We originally trained for the competition in Okinawa, where it is tropical," Sgt Stevens said. "Then we tested our abilities to adapt by competing in Fuji, in a terrain that we have yet to really train in. Not only is it a higher altitude, but it's also freezing with snow."

The weather was the enemy during the competition, making it difficult to navigate terrain.

On flat ground events, the snow was frozen solid. On inclines, the snow became wet and slushy. Climbing became nearly impossible. Wet, cold and fatigued, the miserable conditions quickly began to take its toll on the Marines.

"In my three years in the Marine Corps, it was the hardest exercise, mentally and physically, that I've ever done," said Cpl Michael S. Merritt, Team Leader, Co I. "The Marines wouldn't quit because they had too much pride to let themselves and their fellow Marines down. With the weather, our bodies didn't want to move, but we knew we had to in order to accomplish the next mission. We were all miserable, but we were miserable together . . . we were in it together, and that helped us keep going."



Land navigation, patrolling events and getting from point-to-point was left up to the individual squads to decide how they wanted to tackle the task at hand.

Marines of 3d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, take time to see the sites and sounds of Japan's capital city while experiencing



Day or night, the streets of Tokyo are filled with local residents and foreign visitors. It is not uncommon to sit in a plaza and see people of different cultures, speaking languages different from each other.

TOKYO



In the Ginza district of Tokyo, visiting Marines from 3d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 3d MarDiv, could find almost any gift they could want to send back home to their friends and family.

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TOKYO —The Marines of 3d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment wasted no time when liberty was sounded, taking off to visit the capital of Japan and experience all the interesting aspects of the city.

During the day, the Marines enjoyed the cultural sites of the city, such as the numerous gardens, temples, museums and art galleries.

In the quieter parts of Tokyo, small family-owned stores and quaint shops could be found selling antiques and other types of trinkets.

"I visited Ueno Park, which is a very serene and beautiful park," said LCpl Doug M. Whittenborn, Intelligence Specialist, Headquarters Company, 3/8. "The park was extremely quiet and nobody bothered you there. It gave me a good chance to get away from the rest of the world and just relax."

In Ginza, a district of Tokyo equivalent to New York's Fifth Avenue, the latest clothes and fashions from the top designers can be found among the elegant restaurants and cafés that serve almost every type of meal imaginable.

"I'm more the Ambercrombie and Fitch type of guy and stick to regular shirts and jeans," said LCpl Michael Mulky, Intelligence Analyst. "I was very impressed walking down the street and seeing the dif-

ferent ways the people were dressed. It was like everyone was a super model wearing leather pants or tailored suits while sitting at the sidewalk cafes. Tokyo is definitely a place I would come to for fashion sense."

For the technology enthusiasts, Tokyo is a very high-tech and has the biggest names within it. Yamaha, Toshiba, Canon and Intel outlets, offer the most advanced gadgets and gear with the newest digital televisions, cameras, computers and even virtual reality being found around every corner.

In addition to the well-known big name Japanese auto makers, it was not uncommon to see Ducati, Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Porsche vehicles being driven on the streets of Tokyo. All four automobile companies had numerous showrooms throughout the city.

"I was very surprised to see Ferraris and Lamborghinis just casually cruising down the streets," LCpl Whittenborn said. "These are \$200,000 cars that are scarcely found in the United States, and when they are, the owners usually keep them in the garage just for show, not driving. I'm also a huge fan of Ducati and Lamborghini, so Tokyo is kind of automotive heaven for me."

At night the city takes on a new face however, as the streets become lit by the bright glow of neon lights. The majority of people flock to the fast-paced

nightclub district of Roppongi, where dozens of popular night spots can be found.

As equally diverse as the population of the city, Roppongi offers clubs with different ethnic themes behind them; such as the 'Outback,' an Australian-based club; and 'Club Envy,' a European-based club. Basically every type of music and dance style can be found among the night spots, ranging from hip-hop, to techno, to rock and even disco.

"I turned 21 while visiting Tokyo, and I couldn't think of a better place to have celebrated my birthday," LCpl Mulky said. "Not only did I get to celebrate with my friends, but we were able to celebrate in one of the best cities in the world."

Some of the Marines from 3/8 even said Tokyo was one of the best times they've ever had and look forward to coming back if ever given the chance.

"I've been to Spain, Sicily, Italy and the Balkan region while in the Marine Corps ... Tokyo takes number one as far as excitement, culture and politeness of its citizens," said Cpl Jeremy S. Stoner, Rifleman. "I'm from Lexington, Kentucky, and it's a smaller town in comparison to Tokyo. I was able to do a lot of new things here such as ride a subway for the first time, visit a Buddhist shrine and to go to a three-story high nightclub with three different types of music in it. If I ever get a chance to come back to Tokyo, I would definitely take it."

Eight students future scholars

PFC DAMIAN MCGEE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN – The National College Board recently awarded eight Kubasaki High School students the title of Advanced Placement Scholars.

The AP program offers various awards to recognize high school students for their achievement in AP courses and exams. The awards are given to students who receive a grade of 3 or higher on three or more of their AP examinations.

The eight students recognized this year is twice as many as were recognized last year.

“Results like these show that we are continually trying to make our students competitive,” said Febbie Ramsey, Guidance Counselor, Kubasaki High School. “We offer as many of the AP classes as possible so students have that opportunity to be competitive.”

The College Board gives the awards every year. It reviews the previous year’s test scores. The school is then notified, and each student receives a personal certificate acknowledging their accomplishments.

The school’s larger number of recipients is due largely to more students taking AP classes and exams, according to Ramsey.

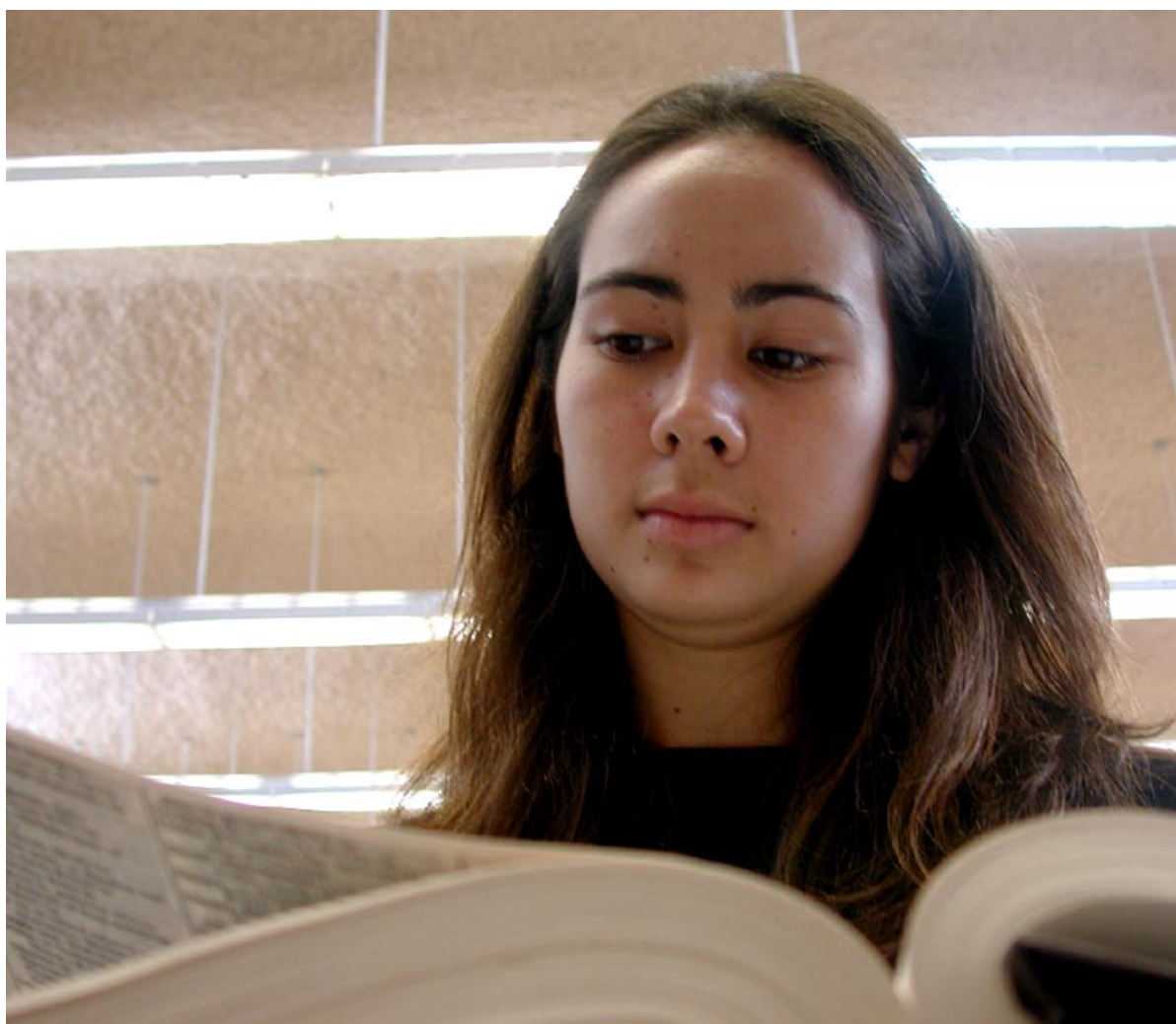
“When we inform students about the classes, we try to inform them of the benefits,” Ramsey said. “As we focus more on the benefits, more students are taking advantage of the classes.”

According to Ramsey, the benefits include everything from increasing marketability when applying for college, to the chance of actually skipping classes in college or being declared a sophomore immediately upon acceptance.

It was an honor and a privilege to be recognized, according to Christina Davis, Senior, Kubasaki High School.

“Many people take the exams,” Davis said. “But, of that number, only a small number are recognized.”

Of the nearly 800,000 students who take the exam, a mere 100,000 are recognized as AP Scholars. Being included in such a small group of students is no



PFC DAMIAN MCGEE

Christina Davis, one of eight students recently recognized as AP scholars by the College Board, puts a lot of effort into her accomplishments. According to Davis, it takes a lot of time to prepare for AP exams, but the time is all worth it in the end.

easy task, according to Davis.

“A lot of the responsibility falls on the individual student,” Davis said. “Our teachers prepare us to the best of their ability, but each individual has to be motivated enough to take the time to study and prepare for the exams.”

The motivation for students like Davis comes from the long-term affects of their present day sacrifices.

“I put in a lot of work to get ready for the exams,” Davis said. “But, in the long run, it will save time and

money when I get to college. Saving money is a key issue when it comes to college.”

Overall, the school and the students have to maintain their performance to keep their numbers so high and to maintain the level they’ve attained, according to Ramsey.

“We have to push our students to maintain these numbers,” Ramsey said. “In 1999, we had 40 students take the exam. In 2000, we had 97. This year, we’re pushing for even more students to participate.”

Marines, Sailors make friends at Seishin Yongoen orphanage

Local children receive an unexpected visit from deployed unit on friendship mission

CPL MATTHEW E. HABIB
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FUJI, Japan — Children at Seishin-Yongoen orphanage received some unexpected visitors when the Marines of 3d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment paid them a visit here recently.

Twenty-one Marines and sailors spent a day playing with the children at a nearby park and shared lunch with them.

It didn’t take much time for the Marines and children to befriend each other, as the children walked hand-in-hand and rode on the backs of the Marines when they arrived at the park. The children kept the Marines busy as they swarmed around for games like Frisbee and boomerang.

“The kids were great and they ran around like they were high on life,” said LCpl James H. West, Operations Clerk, Headquarters Company, 3/8.

“I was playing Frisbee with a couple of the kids who were about five, and they were better than you would expect them to be. They would throw the Frisbee up and down the hills and we’d be running around following it. I know they wore me down, but those little guys would not stop playing, they had so much energy.”

The group put together a huge jump-roping game, giving everyone a chance to play a game together.

“The ropes were handed over to some of the Marines to swing,” LCpl West said. “From there, everyone formed a line and began to jump into the ropes. It wasn’t as easy as it sounds though, because while the

kids were able to keep up, the Marines were tripping and falling on their faces. The kids got a kick out of it ... almost as much as the Marines laughing at their clumsy friends did.”

Even though the Marines and children couldn’t really talk due to the language barrier, they had no problem communicating. Both the Marines and children could easily understand the laughter and smiles. Sometimes though, the kids used the language barrier as a stepping-stone toward laughter.

They were big on practical jokes with the Marines. “We had an interesting lunch with the children that started out innocently enough,” LCpl West said. “We were served hotdogs, that looked a little different from what we were used to, but they had the usual condiments for us; ketchup, lettuce and mustard. Little did we know, it was

“One of the Sailors began tearing up because it was so hot, and all the kids just started laughing hysterically.”

- LCpl James H. West

not regular mustard, it was horseradish hot mustard! One of the helpers was offering it to us with a smile, and we were just pouring on. “The children just sat there silently snickering, because they knew what we were in for.”

“One of the Sailors began tearing up because it was so hot, and all the kids just started laughing hysterically. They got us good on that one,” LCpl West said.

The Marines said the visit with the children was one of the most fun and rewarding days they have spent away from home.

“It’s not often we get to do something like this and every time the Marines get a chance, we try to take it,” said LCpl Landon B. Matson, Scout Sniper, HQ Co, 3/8. “When we come back from out in the field or when we complete an exercise we feel a sense of accomplishment. That sense doesn’t even begin to compare to the way we feel after spending a day with the children though, because nothing else offers us a chance to give back as much as events like this.”

Players bring down Schwab House, 51-50

PFC DAMIAN J. MCGEE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN — The Players from Camp Hansen barely held off the Schwab House in a 51-50 victory, winning the Hoop Fest Basketball Tournament with a single free throw here March 24-25.

The championship match-up, the result of eight teams playing over two days, all came down to the final seconds of the contest.

With one minute left in the game, the score was tied. Seconds later, Players' Chris Dejesus was sent to the line for two shots. Making the first and missing the second, the one point was enough to take the victory and the championship.

"All I could think about was a previous tournament I played in where I missed the shot," Dejesus said. "This time was different ... I had confidence in this shot because of my new coach. I just wanted to make the basket and get back on defense."

With one final possession, Schwab House was unable to make anything happen as time ran out and the Players walked away with the victory.

The Players maintained a decent lead throughout the entire game until Schwab House began a late comeback.

"We tried to switch up our defense," said Keevin Murray, Player. "We were trying to press and it wasn't working for us."

"We knew coming into the game that we were a smaller team, so we had to keep pushing the ball," said Douglas Fowler, Players' Coach. "We wanted to make sure we maintained our team play ... that's what enabled us to win."

Team play was placed into every aspect of the



Vincent Starkley drives to the lane scoring two of his eight points. The Players from Camp Hansen won the Hoop Fest Basketball Tournament's Championship game against the Schwab House March 25.

Players' game and it showed. Only three of the Players' nine-man roster scored less than six points and only two were scoreless. The Players utilized every portion of the court, shooting from behind the three-point line as well as driving down the lane. There was no aspect of the game lacking with the Players.

"We made sure we controlled the ball and made good passes," Murray said. "Even towards the end when we were tired we had to keep our heads, talk to one another and continue playing like a team."

Maintaining their team play was only one of many things working in the Players' favor. Schwab House

seemed to be relying on the ability of only one of its players, number 11, Willie Owens. While Owens played well and scored 12 points, his efforts were not enough.

"We knew all we had to do was play like we know how and shut down number 11," Fowler said.

While stopping Owens was crucial, it was still their overall team effort that gave them the victory.

"I've been in a lot of tournaments," said James Carter, Player. "Through all the tournaments I've played in, I've never seen a team that plays as well as this one did."

MCCS Youth Sports Program coach focuses on fun

CPL CHAD SWAIM
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — David P. Ingold may spend his days taking care of business and commercial law at his job with the Pacific Area Counsel here, but his afternoons and weekends are spent coaching for Marine Corps Community Services Youth Sports Program.

Ingold recently lead the Hornets, a junior girls basketball team, to first place in the Marine Youth Sports Girls Junior Division. This marks the third year in a row that he has coached the winning girls team.

Ingold started as an assistant coach nine years ago with his daughter's T-ball team and has continued coaching sports such as basketball, baseball and soccer.

"I started coaching to spend more time with my children," he said. "I think people are afraid, or that they believe some special degree is needed to be a coach."

The only requirement a coach or assistant needs is a class by the National Youth Sports

Coaches Association.

"Mr. Ingold is without a doubt a committed coach," said Jason Kozerski, Marine Corps Community Services Youth Sports Manager "Wherever we need him, he will be there."

Ingold believes first and foremost that coaching is about having fun.

"We as coaches get it mixed up sometimes," Ingold said. "I'm as bad as anyone else when I lose my objectivity and winning becomes more important."

One of the ways he knows he is coaching well is if a young athlete comes back the next season and asks for him again.

"The only one you're guaranteed to get is your own child," Ingold said. "You still see some of the kids every season."

To help him get as much experience as he can, Ingold coaches at other bases. He coaches soccer for MCCS in the spring and for Kadena Youth Sports at Kadena Air Base in the fall.

"I try to trade the other coaches for kids with 645 phone numbers because the children from Camp Foster are usually more competitive," Ingold said.

"I don't know if our Marine children are tougher or they don't want to lose at Kadena."

The soccer season will soon begin here and Ingold estimates that there should be 90 teams starting this season. He plans to coach two of them.

"I have three children 14, 12 and 8, but I can never coach more than two teams at a time," Ingold said. "I have to rotate between the children to make it fair."

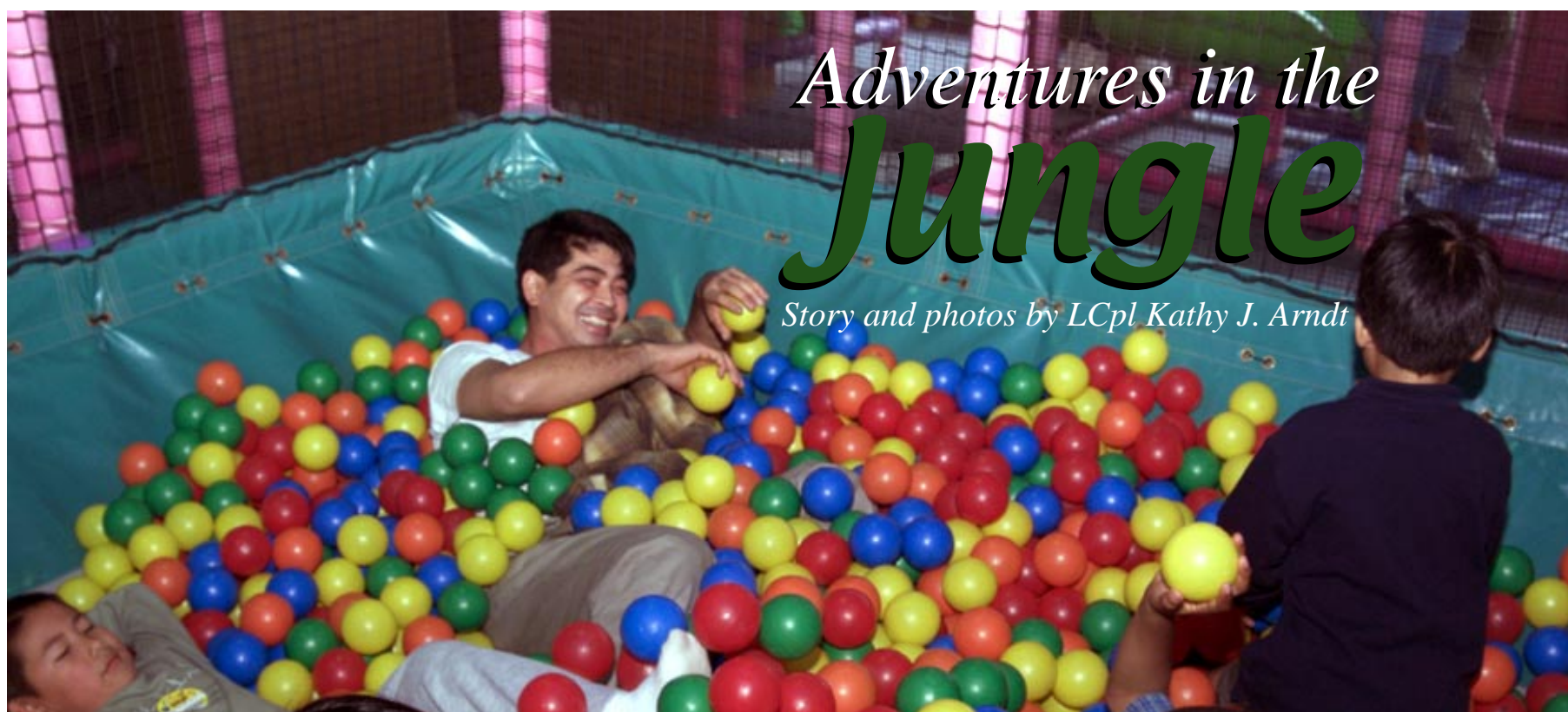
Ingold suspects a lot of coaching talent is going to waste in the barracks around Camp Foster. He would like to see the commands around base start adopting teams.

"It only takes about three hours a week per team," Ingold said. "With the shortage of coaches we could use more talented athletes like the young lance corporal who helped me the season before last. He was a tremendous soccer player and he liked teaching."

"The most important part of being a coach is to understand that this is not the Olympics and not to put overly high expectations on anybody," Ingold said. "Just have fun."



David P. Ingold, Coach, gives John Jones, 12, some pointers during the first practice of the season March 12 on Camp Foster.



Adventures in the Jungle

Story and photos by LCpl Kathy J. Arndt

Okinawans and Americans play together inside one of the ball bins in the Monakid's Jungle Family Fun Center.

Family Fun Center offers indoor activities for children of all ages

URASOE CITY — Whether it is wind, rain, heat or humidity, there are some days on Okinawa when the weather makes outside play for children miserable. When the weather doesn't cooperate, many kids end up at the air-conditioned play zone here at the Monakid's Jungle Family Fun Center.

It is a place for children of all ages to enjoy wall-to-wall activities. And they don't have to worry about the weather.

Monakid's offers an athletic paradise for children over 3 years old where they can climb to their hearts content through colorful tunnels to ball bins and slides.

"It's like a Discovery Zone back in the States, and the children love it here," said Tara Jones, a military family member.

For children younger than 3, Monakid's has a toddler area where the smaller children can enjoy play time away from the older kids complete with ball bins, slides and tunnels.

Even though Monakid's is a children's paradise, adults can enjoy the full experience of the tunnels and ball bins too since all children must have a parent or guardian present at all times.

Inside the large building away from the tunnels and swings is a food court where visitors can purchase food items from popcorn and corn dogs to yakisoba. For party-goers, party rooms are available for birthday parties and family gatherings.

The center also has a selection of various video games, and a reading room that gives visitors a place to sit and relax while children play in the background.

"It's the only place where the kids can run free and have fun," said SSgt Danny R. Jackson, Commu-

nications Technician, 7th Communications Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Each area in the playzone offers physical challenges that are designed to work and strengthen individual parts of a child's body. It also develops social and intellectual skills while giving the children an opportunity to meet new friends, according to the center attendants.

"I like it here," said 10-year-old Haruka Higa. "It's fun, and we get to play and have fun with the American children."

Monakid's Jungle is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. except on Tuesdays that are not on a Japanese holiday.

Prices for weekdays for two hours are ¥500 for children under 3 years old, ¥800 for children 3-12 years old, and ¥100 for 13 years or older. On weekends for three hours, it changes to ¥900 for children 3-12 years old. If visitors extend the time limit, it is an additional ¥100 every 30 minutes for children 12 years and younger only.

For parties, the center has a room that can accommodate up to 30 visitors, which cost ¥2,500 for two hours. When the room is divided into two rooms, one room can hold up to 14 visitors and the other can hold 16 visitors, which cost ¥2,000 for two hours each. It costs an additional ¥500 for every 30 minutes after the initial two hours. Reservations must be made a week in advance. Patrons who host a party may bring in outside food instead of using the food court.

Monakid's Jungle is located outside Gate 3 of Camp Kinser, in between Pizza House and Monako Century 21 Pachinko along Highway 58. For more information or party reservations call 098-875-3665.



Haruka Higa, 10 years old (right) and Manatsu Higa, 6 years old, swing across the play area at Monakid's Jungle Family Fun Center.



The entrance to Monakid's Jungle Family Fun Center offers children a glimpse of what's inside.



Jenna Wellman, 3, walks up a padded staircase leading to a long slide.



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1990 Toyota Town Ace — JCI Mar 03, \$3,000 OBO. 622-8296.
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1991 Nissan Skyline — JCI Apr 02, \$3,000 OBO. 623-7568.
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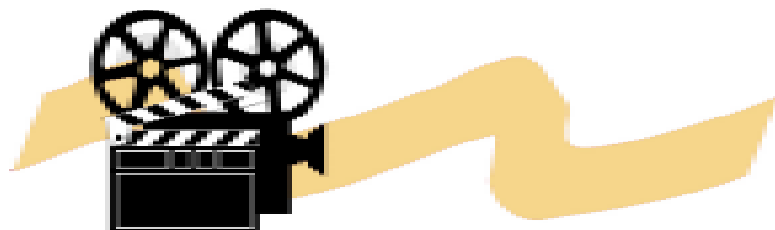


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